



Plant Materials Program

Implementing the Farm Bill

How can the Plant Materials Program help you?

Plants make conservation happen. And plants can help you implement the 2002 Farm Bill.



No matter what Farm Bill program you're working with, you'll probably utilize vegetative practices to accomplish some of the customer's conservation goals. Your Plant Materials Specialist and Plant Materials Center staff can provide recommendations and assistance with:

- **Conservation plants** that are performance tested in specific growing environments to solve various conservation problems
- **Applied technology** developed for successful plant establishment and management of seeding mixtures
- **On-site technical assistance** to field offices, partners, and farmers and ranchers

Conservation Plants

Over 75 percent of the grasses, forbs, shrubs and trees listed in the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) are Plant Materials Program releases. Plant Materials staff are available to assist NRCS field office staff with species recommendations and planting technology for a variety of resource challenges including:

- Erosion control on range and pasturelands, CRP, forestlands and disturbed areas
- Forage resources for grazing animals
- Wetland and riparian revegetation and enhancement
- Wildlife habitat creation and enhancement
- Windbreaks and living snow fences
- Buffer strips and grassed waterways

- Animal waste filtration, nutrient uptake and odor control
- Invasive species suppression
- Rehabilitation after mining, timber harvest or wildfire
- Low maintenance landscapes

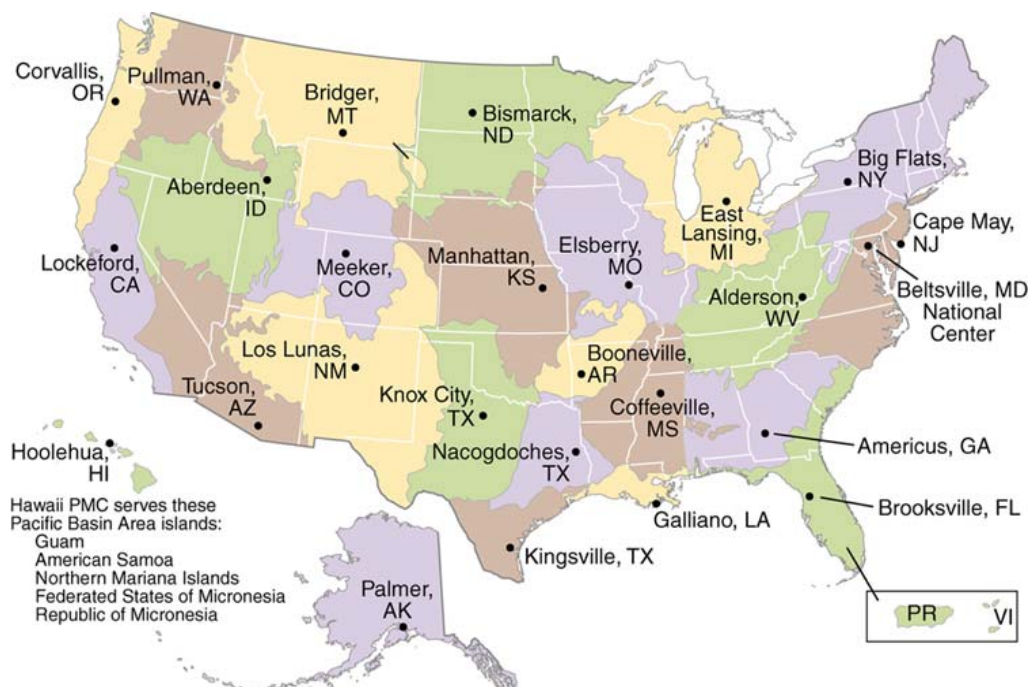
Technical Assistance

Your Plant Materials staff offers new technology and one-on-one technical assistance including:

- Recommendations for enhancing ecological diversity, stabilizing streambanks, revegetating wetlands, implementing odor control, establishing buffers, and improving range and pastureland quality.
- Advice on cultural practices (seed-bed preparation, seed placement, seedling establishment and stand management, etc.).
- On-site visits with landusers, and field tours and training sessions for field office and conservation district staff, partners, farmers and ranchers, and other land managers.
- Demonstration plantings and cooperative research projects to help local landusers find solutions for specific conservation problems.
- Coordination of seed production with growers to make conservation plant seed available to the public.
- Reference materials—brochures, plant guides, technical guides, newsletters and articles available on the Plant Materials website at <http://Plant-Materials.nrcs.usda.gov>.



Location of Plant Materials Centers and Service Areas



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